

OPINION 1525

Phymatodes Mulsant, 1839 and *Phymatestes* Pascoe, 1867 (Insecta, Coleoptera): conserved

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the following generic names are hereby suppressed:
 - (a) *Phymatodes* Dejean, 1834, and all uses of that name prior to the publication of *Phymatodes* Mulsant, 1839, for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy;
 - (b) *Merium* Kirby, 1837, for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;
 - (a) *Phymatodes* Mulsant, 1839 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by LeConte (1850) *Cerambyx variabilis* Linnaeus, 1761;
 - (b) *Phymatestes* Pascoe, 1867 (gender: masculine), type species by indication *Lagria tuberculata* Fabricius, 1792;
 - (c) *Meriellum* Linsley, 1957 (gender: neuter), type species by indication *Merium proteus* Kirby, 1837.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *variabilis* Linnaeus, 1761, as published in the binomen *Cerambyx variabilis* (specific name of the type species of *Phymatodes* Mulsant, 1839);
 - (b) *tuberculata* Fabricius, 1792, as published in the binomen *Lagria tuberculata* (specific name of the type species of *Phymatestes* Pascoe, 1867);
 - (c) *proteus* Kirby, 1837, as published in the binomen *Merium proteus* (specific name of the type species of *Meriellum* Linsley, 1957).
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Phymatodes* Dejean, 1834 as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) *Merium* Kirby, 1837 as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 2532

An application for the conservation of *Phymatodes* Mulsant, 1839 and *Phymatestes* Pascoe, 1867 was received from Dr M. Mroczkowski (*Instytut Zoologii, Warsaw, Poland*) on 3 September 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 107–109 (June 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 108. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 17: Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were returned by Dupuis, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

Cogger, Holthuis and Thompson were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Meriellum Linsley, 1957, *Canadian Entomologist*, **89**: 287.

Merium Kirby, 1837, *Fauna Boreali Americana, The Insects*, part 4, p. 172.

Phymatestes Pascoe, 1867, *Journal of the Linnean Society of London, Zoology*, **9**: 142.

Phymatodes, Dejean, 1834, *Catalogue des Coléoptères*, Éd. 2(3), p. 203.

Phymatodes Mulsant, 1839, *Histoire Naturelle des Coléoptères de France*, vol. 1, p. 39.

proteus, *Merium*, Kirby, 1837, *Fauna Boreali Americana, The Insects*, part 4, p. 172.

tuberculata, *Lagria*, Fabricius, 1792, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta*, vol. 1(2), p. 78.

variabilis, *Cerambyx*, Linnaeus, 1761, *Fauna Svecica*, Editio altera, p. 192.